UNCLASSIFIED



CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

24-HOUR REPORT

12 May 2021

(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Man Focus of Domestic Terror Probe Tied to Racist Extremism

(U) Brian Thibodeau, 20, allegedly has ties to the white supremacy movement and is the subject of a federal domestic terrorism investigation. The probe came to light in documents filed Friday in a separate case charging Thibodeau with possession of an unregistered gun silencer. The FBI told special agents from the Department of Homeland Security investigating the silencer that Thibodeau was the focus of a domestic terrorism investigation involving racially motivated violent extremists. The FBI investigation also includes online planning for possible violent attacks in the US. Agents executing a search warrant at Thibodeau's home in Imperial, California, discovered the silencer, two firearms, a kit for making an ARtype rifle, and metal pipes that authorities believe might be used to make pipe bombs. They also found six cellphones, three desktop computers, a laptop, and an iPad.

SOURCE: 11 May 2021, The Business Journal

(U) Stockton – California Police Officer Killed While Responding to Domestic Call

(U) Stockton Police officer Jimmy Inn, 30, was shot just after 10 AM upon arriving at a home after a caller described a woman who was bleeding and possibly assaulted. Officer Inn was a five-year veteran of the force. After the shooting, another officer arrived at the scene and exchanged gunfire with the unidentified suspect. The suspect went back inside the home and returned moments later holding an 8-year-old boy. The suspect began strangling the child and refused to obey the officer's commands. A bystander tackled the suspect and the officer opened fire, hitting the suspect. Officer Inn and the suspect were taken to a hospital where they both died.

SOURCE: 11 May 2021, FOX News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - Russian Spy Unit Suspected of Directed-Energy Attacks on US Personnel

(U) Washington DC – US officials suspect that Russia's military intelligence unit, the GRU, may be behind alleged attacks that are causing mysterious health issues among US government personnel across the world. Officials do not have direct evidence linking the GRU to the suspected directed-energy incidents. However, officials have told lawmakers that they have intensified their investigation in recent weeks to include all 18 federal intelligence agencies, and that it is focused on the GRU's potential involvement. Victims of the suspected attacks report symptoms consistent with the "Havana syndrome" incidents of 2016, in which a number of American spies and diplomats experienced residual headaches, loss of balance and hearing, ringing and pressure in the ears, and sometimes long-term brain damage. SOURCE: 11 May 2021, Politico

(U) District of Columbia – US Blacklists Seven Lebanese Nationals Connected to Hezbollah

(U) Washington DC – The US on Tuesday called on governments worldwide to take action against Lebanon's Iranian-backed militant group Hezbollah, as the US Treasury Department sanctioned seven Lebanese nationals it said were connected to the group and its financial firm, Al-Qard al-Hassan (AQAH).

UNCLASSIFIED

The Treasury Department said in a statement that it had blacklisted Ibrahim Ali Daher, who it described as chief of Hezbollah's Central Finance Unit, as a specially designated global terrorist. The US also imposed sanctions on six others linked to AQAH, including a man it said was the financial director, Ahmad Mohamad Yazbeck, as well as Abbas Hassan Gharib, Wahid Mahmud Subayti, Mostafa Habib Harb, Ezzat Youssef Akar, and Hasan Chehadeh Othman. The Treasury Department accused the six men of using the cover of personal accounts at Lebanese banks to evade sanctions targeting AQAH and transferring \$500 million on behalf of the US-blacklisted firm.

SOURCE: 11 May 2021, US News

(U) Georgia – Prosecutor Seeks Hate Crime Charges, Death Penalty in Atlanta Spa Shootings

(U) Atlanta – A Georgia district attorney will seek the death penalty and hate crimes charges against Atlanta spa shootings suspect Robert Aaron Long. Long is accused of killing eight people, including six Asian women, in a spree targeting three Atlanta-area spas on 16 March. Long was indicted Tuesday on murder and other charges stemming from the shootings. The filing notice of intent states that Long intentionally selected his targets because of their "actual or perceived race, national origin, sex and gender." In total, Long was indicted on 19 counts: four counts of murder, four counts of felony murder, five counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, five counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and one count of domestic terrorism.

SOURCE: 11 May 2021, ABC News

(U) Ohio - Synthetic Drugs and More Than 20 Guns Seized During Drug-Related Search

(U) Fort Loramie – An investigation into suspected drug trafficking at a Shelby County home uncovered several items used to manufacture synthetic drugs and nearly two dozen guns. Deputies conducted a search at a Fort Loramie home as part of an ongoing drug investigation. During the search, deputies found an upstairs bedroom had been converted into a room to manufacture synthetic marijuana, known as spice. In that room alone, deputies seized an electric portable concrete mixer, several gallons of liquid chemicals, two bags of powder chemicals, a large amount of synthetic marijuana, several firearms and a money counting machine. A search in other parts of the house found more drugs, several types of pills, more guns, and more than \$12,000 in cash and large amounts of coins.

SOURCE: 11 May 2021, WHIOTV7

(U) Tennessee – Army soldiers Charged After Guns Found at Shooting Traced to Weapons Pipeline

(U) Clarksville – Three US soldiers were arrested by federal agents early Tuesday in connection to the transfer of dozens of firearms to Chicago associates after guns recovered from the scene of a mass shooting in the city were linked back to an illegal firearms pipeline. The three men, all enlisted members of the US Army stationed at the Fort Campbell military installation in Clarksville, Tennessee, were each charged with transferring a firearm to an out-of-state resident; making false statements during the purchase of a firearm; engaging in the business without a firearms license; wire fraud; money laundering; and conspiracy to commit Title 18 offenses.

SOURCE: 12 May 2021, FOX News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Jamaica – USS Sioux City Crew Seizes \$24 Million in Suspected Cocaine

(U) Kingstown – The crew of the USS Sioux City seized over \$24 million in suspected cocaine late last month. On 26 April, a helicopter and a small boat were deployed from the USS Sioux City, a Freedom-variant littoral combat ship, to intercept a go-fast vessel. A maritime patrol aircraft spotted packages that had been thrown over the side of the vessel prompting an investigation. The vessel was searched,

UNCLASSIFIED

all of the packages were recovered, and two suspected drug traffickers were detained. The following day, the ship was directed to intercept a second go-fast vessel and three additional suspected drug traffickers were subsequently detained.

SOURCE: 10 May 2021, Newsweek

(U) Russia – Former Student Attacks School with Newly Obtained Firearm

(U) Kazan – A 19-year-old former student is allegedly responsible for the deaths of a teacher, seven eighth-graders and a school staff member, and 21 others hospitalized. The alleged gunman obtained his gun license less than two weeks ago. Russian media said the shooter reportedly called himself "a god" on his account on the messaging app Telegram and promised to "kill a large amount of biomass" on the morning of the shooting. Russian media said while some students were able to escape, others were trapped inside during the ordeal. All students were eventually evacuated to nearby day-care centers and collected by their families. Officials said the attacker has been arrested and police opened a criminal investigation into the shooting.

SOURCE: 10 May 2021, Newsweek

- (U) PREPARED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER.
- (U) FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE EMAIL <u>STAC@CALOES.CA.GOV</u>, OR CALL 916-636-2900.